

AMENDMENTS to the DRAWINGS

No amendments or changes to the Drawings are proposed.

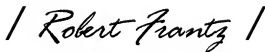
REMARKS

We appreciate Examiner Chace's suggestion today, February 13, 2009, by telephone to amend the method claims to recite a relationship to a specific machine in order to meet the most recent standards for patentability of automated methods and processes. The present amendment adopts this suggestion.

Request for Indication of Allowable Subject Matter. We believe we have responded to all grounds of rejection and objection, but if the Examiner disagrees, we would appreciate the opportunity to supplement our reply.

We believe the present amendment places the claims in condition for allowance. If, for any reason, it is believed that the claims are not in a condition for allowance, we respectfully request constructive recommendations per MPEP 707.07(j) II which would place the claims in condition for allowance without need for further proceedings. We will respond promptly to any Examiner-initiated interviews or to consider any proposed examiner amendments.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Frantz". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping "R" and a long, horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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